



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB1268

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Dan Brady

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

55 ILCS 5/4-7001

from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001

Amends the Counties Code. In provisions concerning coroner's fees, requires that the coroner waive the fee for a copy of an autopsy report if the copy is requested by a physician who provided the coroner with a copy of the decedent's medical records free of charge. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section
5 4-7001 as follows:

6 (55 ILCS 5/4-7001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-7001)

7 Sec. 4-7001. Coroner's fees. The fees of the coroner's
8 office shall be as follows:

9 1. For a copy of a transcript of sworn testimony: \$5.00
10 per page.

11 2. For a copy of an autopsy report (if not included in
12 transcript): \$50.00. The coroner must waive this fee if the
13 copy of the autopsy report is requested by a physician who
14 provided the coroner with a copy of the decedent's medical
15 records free of charge.

16 3. For a copy of the verdict of a coroner's jury:
17 \$5.00.

18 4. For a copy of a toxicology report: \$25.00.

19 5. For a print of or an electronic file containing a
20 picture obtained by the coroner: actual cost or \$3.00,
21 whichever is greater.

22 6. For each copy of miscellaneous reports, including
23 artist's drawings but not including police reports: actual

1 cost or \$25.00, whichever is greater.

2 7. For a coroner's or medical examiner's permit to
3 cremate a dead human body: \$50.00. The coroner may waive,
4 at his or her discretion, the permit fee if the coroner
5 determines that the person is indigent and unable to pay
6 the permit fee or under other special circumstances.

7 All of which fees shall be certified by the court; in the
8 case of inmates of any State charitable or penal institution,
9 the fees shall be paid by the operating department or
10 commission, out of the State Treasury. The coroner shall file
11 his or her claim in probate for his or her fees and he or she
12 shall render assistance to the State's attorney in the
13 collection of such fees out of the estate of the deceased. In
14 counties of less than 1,000,000 population, the State's
15 attorney shall collect such fees out of the estate of the
16 deceased.

17 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the
18 coroner is required by law to perform any of the duties of the
19 office of the sheriff, the coroner is entitled to the like fees
20 and compensation as are allowed by law to the sheriff for the
21 performance of similar services.

22 Except as otherwise provided in this Section, whenever the
23 coroner of any county is required to travel in the performance
24 of his or her duties, he or she shall receive the same mileage
25 fees as are authorized for the sheriff of such county.

26 All fees under this Section collected by or on behalf of

1 the coroner's office shall be paid over to the county treasurer
2 and deposited into a special account in the county treasury.
3 Moneys in the special account shall be used solely for the
4 purchase of electronic and forensic identification equipment
5 or other related supplies and the operating expenses of the
6 coroner's office.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-1161, eff. 7-21-10.)

8 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
9 becoming law.